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SUBJECT: SOVIET BASE ISSUE: INVITATION TO US CONGRESSMEN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED JUNE 18 WHICH AMBASSADOR ADDOU SENT TO SENATORS STENNIS (CHAIRMAN, ARMED SERVICES CMTE), SPARKMAN (CHAIRMAN, FOREIGN RELATIONS CMTE), MANSFIELD (CHAIRMAN, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION SUB-CMTE), AND TO CONGRESSMEN PRICE (CHAIRMAN, ARMED SERVICES CMTE), MORGAN (CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CMTE) AND SIKES (CHAIRMAN, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION SUB-CMTE):

QTE DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: AS YOU KNOW, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IS SUSTAINING (SIC) THAT THERE IS A SOVIET MILITARY BASE IN BERBERA, SOMALIA. A WEEK AGO, PRECISELY ON THE 10TH OF THIS MONTH, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER, IN SEEKING APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES, HAS DISPLAYED BEFORE THE AUGUST SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE THE SO CALLED "AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS" SHOWING SUPPOSEDLY SOVIET BASE INCLUDING MISSILE INSTALLATIONS IN THE BERBERA AREA.

TH SOMALI GOVERNMENT CATEGORICALLY DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF A SOVIET BASE IN BERBERA OR ELSEWHERE IN SOMALIA. EVERY-TIME THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MAKES ALLEGATIONS OF

A RUSSIAN BASE IN SOMALIA, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS PROMPTLY REJECTED SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

WHEN LAST OCTOBER PRESIDENT SIYAD BARRE OF SOMALIA PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO PRESIDENT FORD HERE IN WASHINGTON, THE SOMALI LEADER MADE VERY CLEAR ASSURANCES TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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AMERICAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE THAT THERE IS NO SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA.

THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IS A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY COMMITTED TO WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR MANKIND. IT WOULD NEVER ALLOW ITS SOIL TO BE USED BY FOREIGN POWER FOR THE STORAGE OR DEPLOYMENT OF MEANS OF DESTRUCTION THAT WOULD CAUSE TENSION IN THE REGION OR DISTURB INTERNATIONAL TRANQUILITY. SOMALIA IS A DEVELOPING NATION AND THEREFORE WOULD LIK TO BE FREE OF BIG POWERS RIVALRY INVOLVEMENTS, TO DEVOTE ITS TOTAL ATTENTION TO ITS DECLARED ENEMIES WHICH ARE THOSE OF THE HUMANITY NAMELY: A) HUNGER B) DISEASE C) IGNORANCE AND IS DETERMINED TO WIN ITS WAR AGAINST THESE EVILS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE AFFIRMATIONS MADE BY THE DEFENSE SECRETARY DR. SCHLESINGER AND THE CONSEQUENT SERIOUSNESS OF THE ISSUE, PRESIDENT SIYAD BARRE HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO EXTEND, ON HIS BEHALF AND THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, A CORDIAL INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF YOUR HONOURABLE COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOMALIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO WITNESS THAT SOVIET BASE DOES NOT EXIST IN BERBERA OR OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THIS INVITATION IS EXTENDED IN THE INTEREST OF U.S.-SOMALI FRIENDLY RELATIONS, WHICH THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HIGHLY VALUES AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLEARING UP ONCE FOR ALL THIS CONTROVERSY.

IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT YOUR DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE WILL HONOUR THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT'S CORDIAL INVITATION AND WILL BE ABLE TO SEND A TEAM OF ITS MEMBERS TO SOMALIA SOON. BY SOON, I MEAN WITHIN THIS MONTH OR, AT THE LATEST, EARLY NEXT MONTH, BECAUSE AROUND THE END OF JULY PRESIDENT SIYAD BARRE WILL BE LEAVING FOR KAMPALA (UGANDA) WHERE AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN, HE WILL BE OPENING THE OAU (ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY) SUMMIT.

I SHALL BE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, SO THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO PROMPTLY INFORM THE PRESIDENT. I WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING OR PRECEDE
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THE GROUP, AS YOU DESIRE. RESPECTFULLY YOURS, DR.
ABDULLAHI A. ADDOU, AMBASSADOR END QTE KISSINGER
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